



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7pm**

Present: Stand-in Chairman Cllr Vanessa Reay
Councillors: Leo Griggs, Thomas Heselden, Michael Fitch (7.35pm arrival)

Clerk: Ms G Thomas

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting
There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Due to the absence of the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Cllr Reay was voted to be stand-in chairman.
Proposed by: Cllr Leo Griggs
Seconded by: Cllr Thomas Heselden
Agreed by all.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs M Findlay-Stone, R Bliss, N. Bliss, J Holben, R.Grundy, G.Fuller and T. Prater
3. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr L Griggs declared an interest in item 14
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed. (Two mis-spellings of Councillor Reay and Heselden’s names in previous minutes were noted).
Proposed by: Cllr T.Heselden
Seconded by: Cllr L.Griggs
Agreed: unanimously
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1 The Assistant Clerk told the committee that an email had been received on the 20th September regarding anti-social behaviour in the Caste Road car park and that this had been passed onto the PCSO for action.
 - 5.2 An email from Cllr Findlay regarding the on-going problem of fly tipping off Hospital Hill had been passed onto SDC’s customer services.
 - 5.3 An email had been received from Ms M Dorrell on 20th September regarding littering and noise from fishermen on the area from Sandgate Castle to the Mermaid Café and anti-social behaviour occurring in the car park. Ms Dorrell suggested that area of the beach fishermen should no longer be allowed and that CCTV should be installed in the car park. Cllr Reay said that she thought that CCTV should be further discussed in the main council meeting and that the Parish Clerk should collate any evidence of complaints regarding antisocial behaviour in the car park
6. **Transport and Parking Advisory Group ('TRAP')**
 - 6.1 Cllr Reay said that there had been a very good response to the parking survey with over 200 questionnaires having been returned. Cllr Reay said that the questionnaires had been previously circulated and the survey had also been advertised on e-news. Cllr Prater was analysing responses and would be giving an update at the main council meeting.

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7. High Street Innovation Fund

- 7.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancement** –Cllr Reay told the committee that the boats would be replanted for the winter
- 7.2 **Windows into the Past** – LG informed the committee that he had produced a draft planning application for the listed buildings and was waiting final information before it was submitted. **Cllr Reay** said that the Windows boards on Geoffrey Boot’s hoardings were once again in place and the Assistant Clerk was asked to write to Giles Bernard thanking his team for repainting the hoardings.
- 7.3 **Phase II Signage Project** – the Assistant Clerk showed the committee the draft specifications for the fingerposts and wall signs. The committee was pleased with the work to date but asked for two minor alterations in wording. It was proposed, subject to these changes and planning permission, to purchase two finger posts and nine wall signs up to a total cost of £1700.00.
Proposed by Cllr L Griggs
Seconded By Cllr T Heselden
Agreed by all

8. Beaches Advisory Group

- 8.1 Cllr T Heselden said that the next meeting would be on 15th October when he would update the group about Tom Lord’s visit to the Parish Council meeting.
- 8.2 Cllr T Heselden said that since the last meeting of BAG there had been a successful Bell Stop event.
- 8.3 The Assistant Parish Clerk told the committee that discussions regarding problems with parking on the maintenance gangway were ongoing with SDC

9. Christmas Lights

Cllr Reay that this would be discussed at the main Parish Council meeting on the 14th October.

10. Environmental Improvements

- 10.1 The Assistant Clerk told the committee about SDC Customer Services response to the Parish’s complaint regarding the problem of blocked gutters and silt around Sandgate. Cllr Reay asked the Assistant Clerk to contact Customer Services and ask for an increase in road sweeping throughout the parish. Cllr Reay commented that Military Road tended to only get swept on one side as the other side always had parked vehicles.

Cllr M Fitch arrived 7.35 pm

- 10.2 The Assistant Parish Clerk showed the committee the plans received from John Hunter of Riviera Management for possible wheelie bin screening. The committee were concerned that the plans might not improve the street view of the parish and asked that the Assistant Clerk invite both Mr Hunter and Ms Cave of Orbital South, to attend the next meeting.
- 10.3 Cllr Reay said that an audit of street signs needed to be done as many of the signs were in need of refurbishment. It was proposed that the Parish Clerk arrange for this to be done and that photos of the signs should be taken so that informed decision regarding the signs replacement or repair could be made.

Proposed Cllr V Reay
Seconded Cllr T Heselden
Agreed by All

11. Business and Tourism Advisory Group report

Cllr Reay said that businesses had been asked to contribute to the idea of small trees over shops but there had been limited response. She said that the businesses would be asked in the near future if they would be willing to put lights in their windows over the Christmas period. Cllr Reay said that further discussion regarding Christmas Lights would take place at the next Main Parish meeting

12. Sandgate Society-update

- 12.1 The Society was making written objections to the planning applications regarding Coastguard cottage
- 12.2 It had been proposed to enlist Catherine Hughes to do a study of the condition of Listed and Heritage Buildings in Sandgate
- 12.3 The Sandgate Society Christmas Party would be on December 6th 2014.

13. Shorncliffe Development update-Cllr Griggs said that there was no update at present

14. Boules and Recreation Ground.

14.1 Cllr L Griggs proposed the Boules Court should be increased in size by 25%. The committee agreed that the Parish Clerk should get costings for this development of the Boules Ground.

Proposed Cllr L Griggs

Seconded Cllr T Heselden

Agreed by all

14.2 Cllr Griggs said that he was organising the utility services to pay site visits to the Recreation Ground to give quotations of costs of reconnection of services to the toilet block. He told the committee that some of the companies charge for the initial site visit.

14.3 Cllr Grigg proposed that the Parish Clerk write to the UK Power Networks' Power of Giving Fund to see if the possibility of solar lights and panels on the toilet block and the creation of a wild life garden on the Recreation Ground would qualify for consideration for a grant.

Proposed Cllr L Griggs

Seconded Cllr M Fitch

Agreed by all

15. Information

15.1 Cllr M Fitch said that he would like the Parish Clerk to contact SDC and ask if there were any plans for the development of the Castle Road Car Park.

Cllr T Heselden left at 8.00

15.2 Cllr L Griggs said that the Golden Valley sign needed refurbishment

15.3 Cllr V Reay said that two weeks ago there were groups of youths misbehaving in the Saga carpark. She asked that the Parish Clerk find out what, if any, action had been taken.

15.4 Cllr M Fitch said that he had received many good comments about the condition of the Recreation Ground

Meeting ended 8.03

Date of Next Meeting: 4th November 2014

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....Date.....

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